

Amendments to the Specification

Please add on page 1, before the "Field of the Invention" the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of copending Application Serial No. 09/764,732 filed on January 16, 2001.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 25 as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 3, another vascular filter suitable for use with the apparatus and methods of the present invention is described. Vascular filter 30 is described in detail in ~~co-pending, commonly assigned~~ United States Patent Application No. 09/764,774, filed January 16, 2001 (~~Attorney Docket No. EPI-002~~) (now abandoned), and is summarily described here.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 26 as follows:

Referring now to FIGS. 5A and 5B, a method of employing the adapter of FIGS. 4 to recover a vascular filter is described. In FIG. 5A, vascular filter 30 of FIG. 3 is shown deployed along guidewire 38. After insertion of guidewire 38 and deployment of vascular filter 30, adapter 50 is mounted to the distal end of an interventional device ~~60~~, illustratively and angioplasty catheter 60. Adapter 50 and angioplasty catheter 60 then are advanced along guidewire 38 to a location just proximal of, or in contact with, the vascular filter, where angioplasty catheter 60 is used to treat vascular disease. Inflation of the balloon of angioplasty catheter 60 causes emboli E to be liberated from the lesion, and be carried by the blood flow into filter 30.